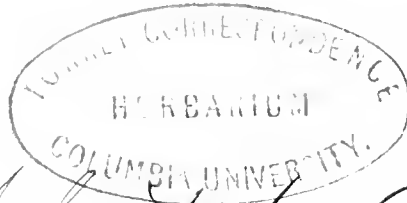


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Dr. Wm. A. D. C.



The subject of my communication
will be, perhaps, a sufficient apology for troubling
you with it. I have recently met with what
appeared to me to be a very unusual variety of the
Verbascum Thapsus (C. Muller). It is one bearing
a white flower. My, comparatively, limited
acquaintance with botany induced me to think, when
I first discovered it, that it could not be very uncom-
-mon, or, at least, that it must have been found
noticed before, altho' it was new to me. Finding,
however, no mention of it in any works on the subject
within my reach (your two volumes of the Bot. Mag. of N.Y.
of the number) & being assured by an eminent Botanist
that, so far as he was aware, no such variety had ever
been noticed, I have thought it might be of interest
to you to be made acquainted with the fact.
It will, at least, be gratifying to me to receive a
line from you on the subject. I enclose the flower
It has in drying become somewhat discolored,
In its fresh state it is a pure white. Its locality-
so far as I have yet ascertained is quite limited.
and grows intermixed with the common yellow flower
variety - in the proportion of perhaps about one fourth
of the plants.

If it be deemed sufficient, without further
pleas address

Rev. Henry A. Riley,

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P.S.

I have enclosed also a fresh flower. It may
perhaps, present more perfectly than the dry, the
natural appearance.